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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 1763  
**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert A. SHEPHERD, JR. et al.

Application No. 10/006,100

Filed: December 3, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLASMA  
OPTIMIZATION IN WAFER PROCESSING

) Attorney Docket No. NOVEP015  
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) Examiner: Zervignon, Rudy  
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) Group Art Unit: 1763  
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Signed: *Diane Schwanbeck*  
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Sir:

Applicants transmit herewith a Proposed Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	SMALL ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>	OR	LARGE ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>23</u> -	<u>23</u>	<u>00</u>	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>03</u> -	<u>03</u>	<u>00</u>	X43 = \$	OR	X86 = \$
			TOTAL	\$		\$0



Applicants hereby petition for a **one-month** extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action. Applicants believe that no additional extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NOVEP015).



Enclosed is our Check No. 10160 in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the extension of time fees and the RCE fees (the Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith).



If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NOVEP015). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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